

# Bustin' A Move In My Relationships

"Bustin' A Move", Part 2 of 5  
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"Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is really faithful?" (Proverbs 20:6, NLT)

## Five Personal Principles That Will Help You "Bust A Move" In Your Relationships

### 1) Effort: To make a great friend BE A GREAT FRIEND.

"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, 'Come back tomorrow and I'll help you.'" (Proverbs 3:27-28, NLT)

"Never abandon a friend— either yours or your father's. Then in your time of need, you won't have to ask your relatives for assistance." (Proverbs 27:10a, NLT)

### 2) Pace: When forming relationships TAKE IT SLOW.

"Seldom set foot in your neighbors house— too much of you and he will hate you." (Proverbs 25:17, NIV)

"...a person who moves too quickly may go the wrong way." (Proverbs 19:2b, NLT)

**\*What to pace:** 1) Pace your WORDS. (Prov. 10:19, 13:3, 25:11, 29:20)

2) Pace your UNDERSTANDING. (Prov.20:5)

3) Pace your DEMANDS. (Prov.17:18)

4) Pace your TRUST. (Prov.26:24-26)

5) Pace your INTIMACY. (Prov.6:24-29)

### 3) Assessment: Constantly evaluate RELATIONAL EQUITY.

"Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble." (Proverbs 25:19, NIV)

"A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need." (Proverbs 17:17, NLT)

### 4) Discernment: Carefully screen YOUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS.

"A righteous man is cautious in friendship..." (Proverbs 12:26a, NIV)

"Zeal without knowledge is not good..." (Proverbs 19:2a, NLT)

**\*Areas to examine:**

- 1) COMMUNICATION patterns. (Prov.11:13)
- 2) EMOTIONAL management. (Prov.14:29)
- 3) RELATIONAL concern. (Prov.21:29)

### 5) Limits: Realize your deepest needs are only MET IN CHRIST.

"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." (Proverbs 18:24, NIV)

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15, NIV)